

Claims

1. Method of backing up personal data of a wireless communication network subscriber, the data being memorised in a mobile communication device and backed up in a network server, in which a first subset of data is prepared from among a batch of data to be backed up and is transmitted to the server for backing up,
- characterised in that it comprises a so-called asynchronous backup mode 40 according to which, once a subset has been transmitted to the server, the backup is delayed (12, 22, 33) by a certain period of time so as to free the mobile for the user, and the backup is resumed at the end of this period.
2. Method according to claim 1, characterised in that, in order to resume the backup, the server implements a countdown of the period (12) and sends a resume signal (14) to the card at the end of said period.
3. Method according to claim 1, characterised in that, in order to resume the backup, the mobile implements a countdown of the period (22, 33) and sends a resume signal (24, 35) to the card at the end of said period.
4. Method according to claim 3, characterised in that the mobile implements the countdown and sends the resume signal upon receiving the instruction from the card.

5. Method according to claim 4, characterised in that the card gives instructions to the mobile by means of STK commands.

6. Method according to claim 4, characterised in that the card gives instructions by means of "GET STATUS" commands.

7. Method according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises a prior assessment step (38) in which it determines whether the volume of data to be backed up or the corresponding waiting time required to make the mobile available to the user is higher than a predetermined threshold,

- if so, the backup is performed according to the asynchronous backup mode 40,
- and if not, the backup is carried out according to a default mode 41.

8. Server for backing up personal data of a wireless communication network subscriber, the data having been previously memorised in a mobile communication device, said server being able to back up a first subset of data from among a batch of data to be backed up,

characterised in that it comprises a so-called asynchronous "server" backup program that can implement the following functions:

- receiving and saving a subset of data and entering waiting mode according to a delay instruction,
- and, at the end of the delay instruction, resuming the backup of the subsequent subsets of data.

9. Portable wireless communication device belonging to a communication network subscriber, comprising memorised data and a "device" backup application that can transmit a first subset of data
5 from among a batch of data to be backed up to the server for backing up,

characterised in that the "device" application can, according to an asynchronous backup mode 40:

- delay by a given period of time the backup of a
10 subset of data that is subsequent to the first subset, so as to ensure that the user can use the device,

- and resume the backup at the end of the period.

10. Portable device according to claim 9, characterised in that it comprises an asynchronous
15 backup mode 40 and a normal mode 41.